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## It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got the Bluemont Swing!



It's just not summer in Warrenton without the Bluemont Concert Series.

A summer tradition in the Town for thirty years, this summer's Bluemont Concert Series kicks off Saturday, June 29 with one of Warrenton's favorite groups, the Pan Masters Steel Orchestra. Featuring calypso songs and popular tunes played Trinidad/Tabago style, the Pan Masters have performed in Warrenton for decades.

The Bluemont Concert Series is top-notch entertainment right in the middle of Culpeper Street! It's family-friendly, so bring your kids and a picnic basket, and sit on the lawn and enjoy a summer night in Warrenton. There's always good vibrations, and people dancing in the street.

The annual concert series is presented by the Town, and organized by the Bluemont arts organization, which has a long history of working with the area's best musicians. Concerts are every Saturday evening throughout the summer,



beginning at 7:30 PM. The gathering spot is the grass outside the Warrenton Green Building (Culpeper and Hotel Streets).

Tickets are reasonable, at \$5 per person, \$4 for Bluemont Friends & seniors, and \$2 kids under 12. No advanced ticket sales are available; you get them when you arrive.

This year's line-up of entertainment looks stellar, with a healthy dose of some of Warrenton's all-time favorites. These are musicians who love to perform here, and are perpetual crowd pleasers. At press time for the Town Crier, here is the schedule:

**June 29, 2013 – The Pan Masters Steel Orchestra**

**July 6, 2013 – The Hot Seats**

**July 13, 2013 – Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer**

**July 20, 2013 – Ruthie & The Wranglers**

**July 27, 2013 – Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie**

**August 3, 2013 – Furnace Mountain**

**August 10, 2013 – Dixie Power Trio**

**August 17, 2013 – The Flaming Shillelaghs**

Mark your favorites on your calendar, or just come every Saturday night. The best spots on the grass go fast, so bring your food, friends and family and get there early.

You can learn more about the concert series at [www.Bluemont.org](http://www.Bluemont.org). ■

## Town Establishes Streamlined Sign Approval Criteria

The Town recently approved amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance that now allow some sign applications in Warrenton's Historic District to be approved by Town staff instead of the Architectural Review Board (ARB).

Previously, all sign applications in the Historic District were subject to review and approval by the ARB, which sometimes doesn't meet for periods as long as seven weeks.

This new process was developed with the cooperation of the ARB, and involved public input from a series of special meetings.

Town administrative review of sign applications allows local businesses (especially new businesses) to gain sign approval faster. But this streamlined process is only available to sign applications that meet certain criteria developed by the ARB and Town staff. Some sign applications will still have to be reviewed and approved by the ARB.

The criteria for fast sign approval by Town staff include specific limits and requirements for sign size, form, material, logo and graphic applications, and colors. The criteria also

address the fonts and number of characters displayed on a proposed sign. If a sign application meets the criteria, the business will enjoy an expedited review process.

The Town's sign regulations are designed to protect and preserve the historic character of Old Town Warrenton.

For more information, please contact The Department of Planning and Community Development at (540) 347-2405. ■



## Warrenton Celebrates Arbor Day 2013

This past April, the Town of Warrenton observed another Arbor Day, a national celebration of trees. And why not? After all, the Town of Warrenton has been honored as part of "Tree City USA" for the past fifteen years.

In order for a town to carry the distinction of being named a "Tree City USA" town, it is required to spend time and money caring for the health and well being of its trees. Towns like Warrenton and cities all across America celebrate their trees on Arbor Day, a day set aside in April over 100 years ago in honor of our trees.

Trees are quite good at what they do; they've had over 100,000,000 years learning how to survive. They are the largest and heaviest living organisms on earth. And if you care to, you can go to southern Virginia and touch trees that are over 1,300 years old!

Stop and chat about trees with anyone in Warrenton and you're likely to hear a story about their favorite tree. Maybe you had a favorite rope-swing or tree-fort tree as a kid. Or maybe you can recall vividly that tree you stood beneath when you stole your sweetheart's first kiss. At the very least, all of us should think about how much of the food we eat comes from trees. Imagine singing, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire" at Christmastime if there were no chestnut trees.



*Local tree lovers and kids from the Boys and Girls Club pose with their gift to Warrenton, a Buddhist Pine, planted on Arbor Day near the Warrenton Cemetery.*

On April 26th – this year's Arbor Day – a small crowd of 15 people gathered along Keith Street, across from the Boys and Girls Club, and planted an evergreen tree called, *Cryptomeria japonica*, a species commonly known as the "Buddhist Pine." The tree was an Arbor Day gift to the Town and its people. Ten to fifteen years from now this special Arbor Day tree will be about 30 feet high and 10 – 15 feet wide. The kids from the Boys and Girls Club participated in the planting of the tree, and are likely to recall the day they planted it when they too are all grown up.

The planting of the new Buddhist Pine was the highlight of this year's Arbor Day celebration, but there were other events as well. Local Forester Joe Rossetti explained the significance of Arbor Day, and the Town's Tree City USA proclamation was read aloud to the crowd. It was a good time to learn about trees. And as in Arbor Day celebrations past, the kids and adults had a great time. And the tree they planted will be a new friend to the Town of Warrenton for generations.

*Submitted by the Warrenton Tree Board ■*



**TREE TIP:** *There are lots of good reasons to plant a tree, but one of the best is as a remembrance to a loved one, or in honor of someone special to you. Every time you see that special tree, it will remind you of the special someone for whom it was planted.*

## Fall Clean-Up Week Dates Announced

For those of you who missed Spring Clean-Up Week, or didn't get rid of everything you needed to, Fall Clean-Up Week is scheduled for October 21 – 25, 2013.

For those of you new to the Town, this is when Town crews provide special collections to pick up large items, refuse, debris, and other items that can't be picked up during regular weekly refuse collections.

This is a residential collection only.

For more information, check the Town's website ([www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov)) or call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

## Please Be Alert to Town Mowing Crews

The mowing season is in full swing. While you're busy cutting the grass in your yard, Town crews are out mowing and weed-eating along roadsides throughout the Town. And sometimes this puts them in dangerous places. Please be alert and a little more cautious when driving. Keep an eye out for Town employees on riding mowers or walking with weed-eaters along the shoulders, median strips and right-of-ways. ■



## Storm Drains Are Not for Dumping

Disposing of yard waste in the Town's storm drains is a big no-no. First of all, it's illegal, and you could be fined. More importantly, putting the wrong things down the storm drains pollutes our watershed and contaminates the Chesapeake Bay.

Even grass and yard waste must be kept out of the storm drains. This material blocks the clear flow of storm water. Please consider mulching or composting your grass and yard waste. This keeps it out of the landfill, which reduces Town costs and is better for the environment.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

## Annual Brush Collection

The Town has an annual "Brush Collection" for larger limbs that have been cut by the homeowner. We're happy to take these, as time allows, but not if a contractor or landscaping company did the cutting... that's their responsibility.

Larger limbs for the brush collection should be placed at the curbside or road edge, not blocking traffic or sidewalks, and not in ditch lines or culverts. Smaller limbs, twigs, vines, leaves, clippings, etc., should be bagged and placed out with your household refuse. When bagging this type of yard debris, please be considerate of the weight of refuse you put in a bag. If one man can't lift it, or he feels it's too heavy or will bust, it will be left.

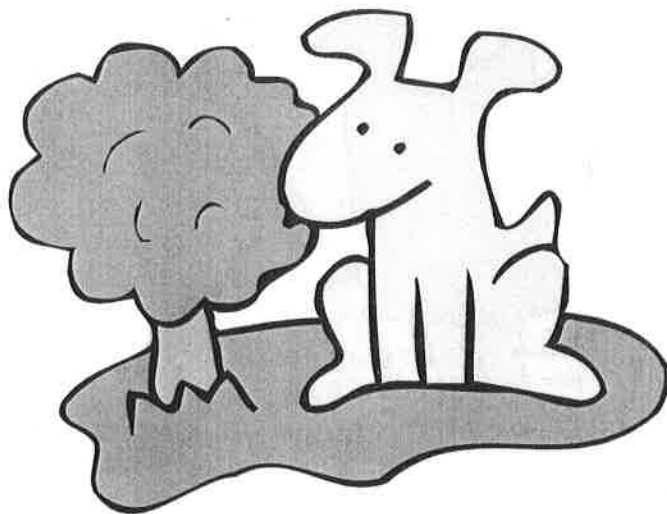
The Town does not ever pick up dirt, rocks, sod and stumps. ■

## Pet Owners – Please Be Courteous

Maybe you're familiar with the saying, "Please be neat and wipe the seat." Well, the phrase applies well to pets, too. But, they can't be neat and clean up after themselves... you have to do it for them!

Please remember to be courteous when walking your pets, and clean up the waste your pets make on neighbor's property, parkland, or Town right-of-ways. Proper pick-up and disposal of pet waste also applies to your own yard.

The proper way to dispose of animal waste is to bag it and place it in your refuse that gets placed out for trash collection. Pet waste should never be placed in roadways, ditch lines or along road shoulders. It washes into the storm drainage system and ends up polluting ground water and the watershed. And if it's left on a neighbor's lawn... well, we all know how unpleasant it is when we step in it. ■



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## Art Contest Winners Announced

The Town of Warrenton Parks and Recreation Department held an art contest this past spring to recognize National Water Safety Month in May. The contest was open to youth ages 5 - 17, and required participants to prepare an original design incorporating the theme "Pool Safety."

Entries were judged upon creativity, neatness and the overall spirit of the theme. The Town is pleased to announce the winners of the art contest:

▲ **Grand Prize Winner: Morgan Ré.** Morgan received an annual WARF membership for up to four members of her family, a \$1,300.00 value. Morgan's artwork was displayed on T-shirts that were worn by WARF staff throughout the month of May.

▲ **5 - 8 Age Group Winner: Isabella Sorrentino (age 8)**

▲ **9 - 12 Age Group Winner: Domenic Del Grosso (age 9)**

▲ **13 - 17 Age Group Winner: Mary Galvin (age 16)**

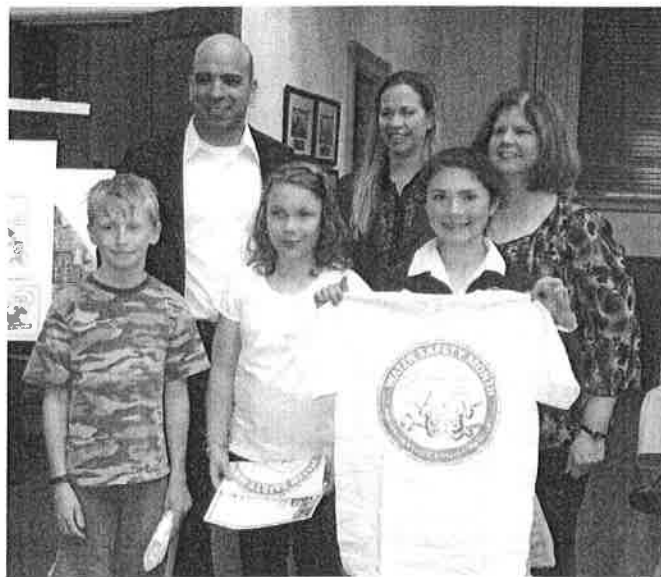
Each of these three age group prize winners received a 10-visit youth pass to the WARF.

## Summer Water Safety Tips

Please remember these important safety tips going into the summer season:

- \*Always swim with a buddy;
- \*Avoid water wings; wear a life jacket instead;
- \* Never drink water from pools, lakes or rivers;
- \* Teach kids to swim by enrolling them in swim lessons. It's truly the best way to stay safe in the water.
- \* Always wear a PFD (Personal Floatation Device, i.e., life jacket) when in a boat, even if you are a good swimmer.

Keep our children safe this summer. Visit [www.nationalwatersafetymonth.org](http://www.nationalwatersafetymonth.org) for more water safety tips. Swimming and water-related recreational activities are highly popular in the United States. This results in the need for ongoing public education on safer water practices.

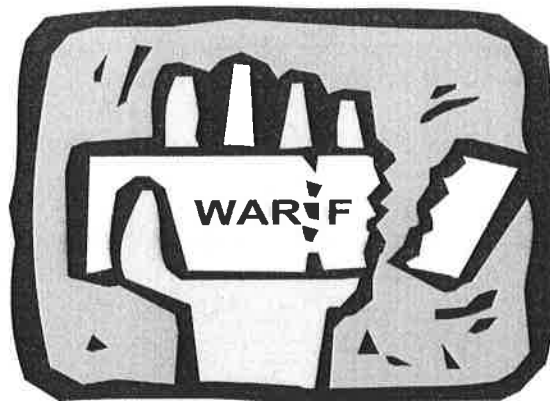


WARF's "Pool Safety Art Contest" winners. Front Row (left to right): Domenic Del Grosso, Isabella Sorrentino, and Morgan Ré. Back Row (left to right): Councilman Roger Martella; Danette Askew, WARF Aquatics Coordinator; Margaret Rice, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.

## Youth Summer Pool Passes Now on Sale!

The WARF is the perfect place for children to have fun this summer. WARF Summer Pool Passes for kids ages 3-17 are available for the first time this summer. Make a one-time Summer Pool Pass purchase and have unlimited access to both pools all summer long (May 25 - August 23). Eliminate the hassle and expense of purchasing day passes each time you visit!

Pool passes may be used for pool use only and are limited to one customer per pass.



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## Swim Lessons for All Ages

Did you know that the WARF offers swim lessons for all ages? Lessons are available for toddlers through senior citizens. You don't have to be a WARF member to participate in the swim lesson program.

The many water-related classes at the WARF include swim lessons, Jr. Lifeguard, Lifeguard Training and First Aid/CPR/AED Re-certifications. All learn-to-swim classes are taught by certified instructors and are based on the American Red Cross curriculum. Lessons are never cancelled because of summer storms.

To learn more about swim lessons, you can get a summer aquatics brochure online at [www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov) (under the Parks and Rec tab).

## WARF Summer Hours

Spend some time this summer at the WARF. Membership is not required to enjoy our spectacular pools, invigorating fitness classes, and well-equipped fitness room. Spend the day at the WARF and beat the summer heat.

### Hours of Operation (June 10 – August 23)

#### Facility Hours:

Monday – Friday	5:00 AM – 8:45 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 5:45 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM – 5:45 PM

#### Leisure Pool/Spa Hours\*:

Monday – Friday	9:00 AM – 8:45 PM
Saturday & Sunday	12:00 – 5:45 PM

#### Water Slide Hours:

Monday – Thursday	1:00 – 5:45 PM
Friday	1:00 – 8:45 PM
Saturday & Sunday	12:00 – 5:45 PM

*\*Includes Front Desk, Fitness Room and Competition Pool.*

*NOTE: Adult Only Hour in Lazy River: Weekdays 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Lazy River closed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:15 – 11:05 AM, and Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:20 PM.*

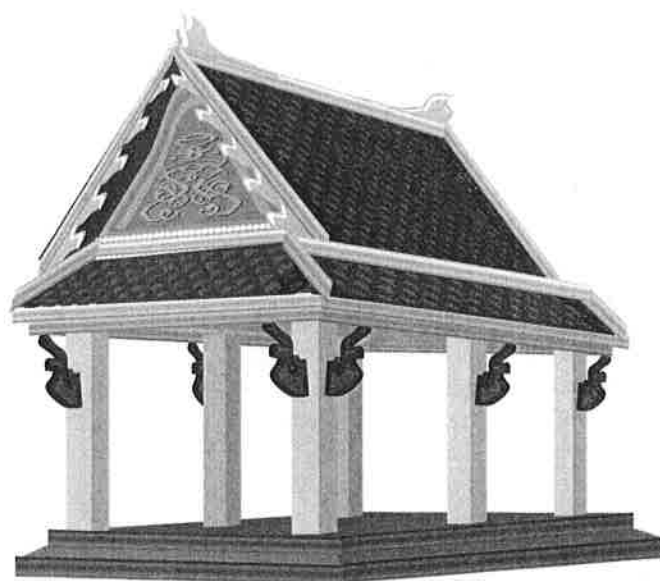


*The Warrenton Rotary Club recently made a generous grant of \$40,000 to Parks and Rec for the construction of a pavilion near the soccer fields at WARF.*

## New Shelter Coming to the Soccer Fields

The Parks and Recreation Department was the recipient of a generous \$40,000 grant from the Warrenton Rotary Club. The donation will be used to build a pavilion in the soccer fields area at the Warrenton Sports Complex. The pavilion will include picnic tables and a water fountain. Construction begins this summer.

The Warrenton Rotary Club was chartered in 1926. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional people that provides humanitarian services, and encourages high ethical standards in business.



**Look for the new pavilion soon  
near the WARF soccer fields!**

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## Lake Dennie Dedicated

On Sunday, May 5, the Town of Warrenton dedicated the lake behind the WARF to its beloved former Town Councilman and Recreation Committee member, Dennie Sutherland.

Town Council members, Town staff and the Sutherland family were present at the event and shared wonderful memories of Dennie. Dennie was a strong advocate for parks and recreation in the Warrenton community, and was instrumental in helping to develop many of the amenities now located at the Warrenton Sports Complex (the park area surrounding the WARF). ■



A stone monument at Lake Dennie remembers the Warrenton Town Councilman who did so much to promote quality recreation in Warrenton.

## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Independence Day – July 4

**Monday, 7/1/13** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 7/2/13** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 7/3/13** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspapers and blue bags)  
**Thursday, 7/4/13** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Friday, 7/5/13** – Thursday and Friday's refuse collection

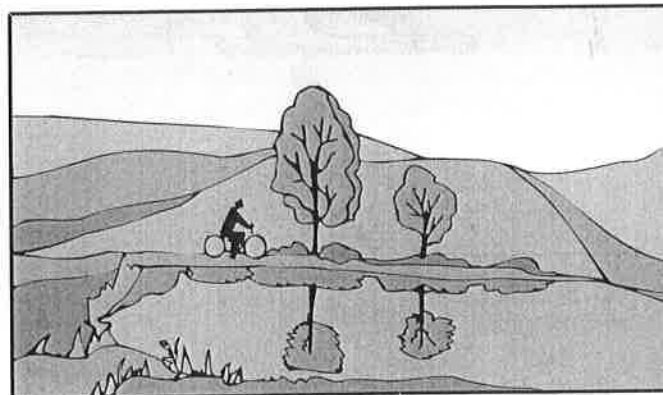
### Labor Day – September 2

**Monday, 9/2/13** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 9/3/13** – Monday and Tuesday's refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 9/4/13** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspapers and blue bags)  
**Thursday, 9/5/13** – Regular refuse collection  
**Friday, 9/6/13** – Regular refuse collection

### Columbus Day – October 14

**Monday, 10/14/13** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 10/15/13** – Monday and Tuesday's refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 10/16/13** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspapers and blue bags)  
**Thursday, 10/17/13** – Regular refuse collection  
**Friday, 10/18/13** – Regular refuse collection

*NOTE: For your convenience, there will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) over all holidays. ■*





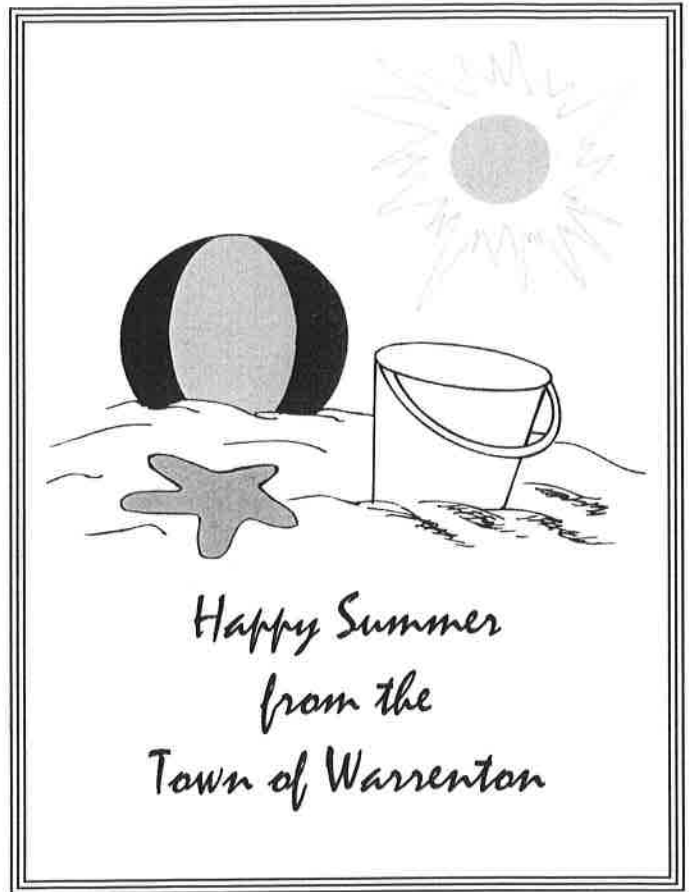
## Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

*Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

*The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.*

Finance Department .....	347-1102
Fire Department .....	347-0522
Inspections .....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief .....	347-1105
Police Station .....	347-1107
Non-emergency .....	347-1100
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Planning and Zoning .....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center) .....	349-2520
Recycling .....	347-1858
Sewage Plant .....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager .....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
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Water Plant .....	347-1103
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